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Dear Public Servant:

Your proposed new rules for genetically engineered foods are unacceptable. We, the people, need genetically engineered foods rules that:

- 1) Require mandatory pre-market safety testing
- 2) Require mandatory pre-market environmental testing
- 3) Require mandatory labeling of genetically engineered foods

FDA is supposed to protect the people, not the corporations!

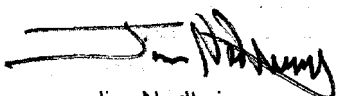
Most unacceptable of all are your "Guidance for Industry: Voluntary Labeling Indicating Whether Foods Have or Have Not Been Developed Using Bioengineering" rules. The guidance document severely limits the language producers may use to market their GMO free products. We need more information on food labels, not less!

If GMO growers, producers, processors, and marketers want to try to sell GMO foods to people that don't want them, that should be their handling and documentation problem, not the problem of non-GMO growers, producers, processors, and marketers,

The burden of proof for 1) food safety, 2) environmental safety, 3) labeling claims, and 4) verification systems for chain of custody documentation, should lie with GMO food producers and growers, NOT with producers and growers of non-GMO foods. Put GMO foods on a separate handling and documentation track, not non-GMO foods!

We demand food labeling rules that require disclosure of any GMO food ingredients, with GMO producers bearing the burden of proof. In addition, non-GMO food producers must be allowed to use marketing language such as "GMO Free".

Sincerely,



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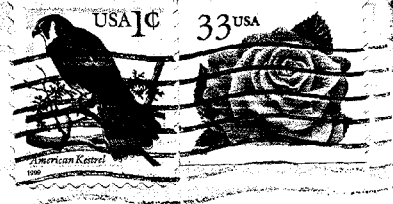
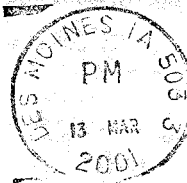


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